

**Budget Hearing Education Subcommittee of the
Joint Ways & Means Committee**

Testimony to support OSU Statewides Budget

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- My name is Scott Hanson. I am a resident of Clackamas County.
- I am currently President Elect of Oregon Small Woodland Association (OSWA) and a member of Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association.
- OSWA supports OSU Statewides-supporting both education and research.
- I live on woodland property in rural Oregon City. Twenty years ago I contacted Clackamas County Extension seeking advice to protect young Douglas-fir seedlings. I have attended many forestry educational programs over the years. I completed Extension's nine-month Master Woodland Manager course in year 2000 and now I help other landowners by sharing my knowledge.
- Extension teaches family forest owners to solve every day problems with the latest, science-based information. Strong Extension programs are an investment in the future leading to increased productivity of our lands, protection of our environment, and improved prosperity for all of us.
- OSWA supports adding back \$1.3 million to the Co-Chairs' of Ways and Means Budget for a total add-back of \$7 million for OSU Statewides. This \$7 million add-back allows these organizations to continue providing applied education which benefits family forest owners. Educational continuity is important. We need "boots on the ground" to help solve natural resource problems. Healthy lands mean more people working, more mills remain open, and more tax revenues for the state of Oregon.
- Thank you for your time.